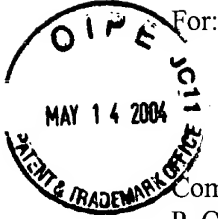


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2004, Applicants submit the following amendment:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-12 (cancelled).

- 1           13. (Original) A messaging platform for a component-based software system, the  
2 platform comprising:  
3                 a connection assembler for at least one of creating, managing and manipulating a  
4 first messaging platform connection;  
5                 a protocol management framework for implementation of a predetermined  
6 transport protocol over the first connection;  
7                 a schema generator for, responsive to a request for service received over a second  
8 messaging platform connection, creating a document according to a predetermined format, the  
9 document containing information to be provided to another system over the first connection;